TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE Transcriber's Office FLOOR DEBATE

April 8, 2002 LB 1085

Machiavelli used as examples to exemplify the principles he laid out in explaining how politics actually work in the real world. I'm going to listen to people posture on Senator Don Pederson's amendment. I'm going to watch the scurrying, the scrambling which is going nowhere. I will be able to detect when somebody is giving a political speech. And I just want to call attention to the fact that another priest out in a little town in Nebraska confessed to abusing, sexually, boys—another one. This time Curtiss, who covered up for Herek, is under the pressure...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ... of public exposure, so he removed the rat. He had no choice. Everybody is pointing at Curtiss in his little red beanie. And from Boston comes word that hundreds of documents will exposed showing that be Cardinal Law. Bernard Law, knew about a priest for decades who was abusing children. Six more priests were given the boot in New York for sexually abusing children. And one of my colleagues had the nerve to accuse me of spewing poison because I tell the truth about what's happening in his beloved church. When I see a church that's as deeply involved in politics as the Catholic Church, you better believe I'm going to talk about what they do and I'd like to revoke their tax-exempt status. That terrified Archbishop Joseph Rummel in New Orleans when he was talking about desegregating Catholic schools, so may it'll work here. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Wickersham, followed by nine others.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, I hope I know some of the other nine. Mr. President, I'm a little confused by Senator Pederson's amendment because what, as I read the amendment, Senator Pederson simply adds sales tax, a half-cent sales tax for two years into the existing provisions in LB 1085. If we adopted Senator Pederson's amendment and then advanced LB 1085 with all the other provisions in it, and currently it has a rollback of income tax worth \$48-49 million, now it has a cigarette tax increase that will generate something over \$30 million for the General...about \$30 million for the General Fund, we have base